

Summer Reading G • A • M • E • S

It was an epic winter for Kalamazoo!
But the snow has melted, the sun is
out and it's time to enjoy summer!
What better way to kick it off than a
June Jubilee party and Summer Reading
Games! Join us at Central on Saturday,
June 7th, 1-4 pm, for an afternoon of
family-friendly fun including obstacle
courses, a climbing wall, games, a
drumming circle and music. Some
surprise special guests may be joining
us for even more fun!

This year's Summer Reading Games are
sure to "spark" your imagination and get
you excited about reading local! Sign up
begins June 2 at all KPL locations and at
the kickoff party on June 7.



CEN (Central Library) **553-7800**
315 S Rose St, 49007
Friends of the Library Bookstore ... **553-7820**
315 S Rose St, 49007
EAS (Eastwood)..... **553-7810**
1112 Gayle Ave, 49048
OSH (Oshkemo)..... **553-7980**
7265 W Main St, 49009
POW (Alma Powell) **553-7960**
1000 W Paterson St, 49007
WSQ (Washington Square) **553-7970**
1244 Portage St, 49001

Preserve the Past; Produce the Future at The Hub



**We welcome you to enter your digital gateway –
The Hub – KPL's new digital lab, now open and
located on the third floor of Central.**

KPL is proud to provide our patrons with state-of-the-art
technology to preserve the past, and produce the future.

At The Hub, patrons can convert old photos, negatives or
slides into digital files. They can also edit digital videos or
photographs using the latest editing software. No need
to toss those old VHS tapes or LPs – bring them to
The Hub and convert them to digital files and
burn them to DVDs and CDs! The Hub makes
preserving the past fun and easy.

If creation is your motivation, The Hub will
serve you well! Use our Blue Yeti microphones
to record podcasts, iMovie and Final Cut Pro to
create and edit movies, or use professional Adobe
software like Photoshop, Illustrator and more to
design unique graphics! Like animation? So do we!
Fire up Anime Studio and make your dream world a
reality. If music moves you, get your groove on with
Garage Band. All of this and more is available at The Hub.

The Hub features four digitization stations, complete
with three PCs and one Apple iMac; and four production
stations with three iMacs and one PC. We also offer
a slew of hardware and peripherals including Canon
9000F scanners, Honestech VHS to DVD converters,
Bose Companion 2 speakers and much more!

**Your project. Your time. Your creativity. Your way.
The Hub is your digital gateway!**

Funding for The Hub was allocated from the library's endowment fund, several gifts to the library including the generous support of Major General and Mrs. John S. Patton, through the Clarence L. Miller Local History Fund, and the library's capital budget.



**Visit kpl.gov/hub
to learn more about
The Hub, view open
lab hours and book
a reservation.**

**Don't miss Friends of
KPL Bag-of-Books-Sale!**
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Art Hop

**Fri, June 6,
6-8 pm, CEN**



The Kalamazoo Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America will exhibit pieces stitched by its members. Techniques showcased will include crewel, beadwork, cross stitch, Hardanger, and needlepoint.

ALL THE NEEDLEWORK ON THE BUTTERFLY ABOVE WAS DONE BY HAND, USING A NEEDLE AND A VARIETY OF THREADS AND EMBELLISHMENTS.

Did you know?

In 2013, 8,695 KPL patrons utilized our ancestry.com database to research their family tree. These patrons performed 497,261 unique searches, making it KPL's most popular database! Try it yourself today (in library only) at www.ancestrylibrary.com.

HISTORY & GENEALOGY

R Intro to Genealogy

Tues, August 26, 6 pm, EAS

Learn how to start compiling your family tree through databases like Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest, KPL's index to local publications, plus important print sources, major collections, and more. Registration begins August 4.



The Library has recently purchased a personal wireless FM listening system which can be available upon request to hearing impaired patrons attending KPL programming at any of our locations. The system can be utilized with headphones or coupled to an individual hearing aid via a neckloop telecoil coupler. Please contact Andrea Vernola at 553-7853 if you are interested in utilizing this system.

BOOKS

Waldorf Theatre Company Presents *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

Mon, June 2, 6pm, OSH

The Waldorf Theatre Company, a professional touring company sponsored by the Waldorf College Theatre Department in Forest City, Iowa, proudly presents a 45 minute version of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Waldorf College, being one of three Shakespeare Studies programs in the nation, prides itself on "original practices" from Shakespeare's time. This production will be a fun-filled time full of mistaken identities, fairies, and puppets!

Urban Fiction Book Discussion

Tues, June 24, 6pm, POW

This popular street lit group will talk about *Child Support* by Amour. Pick up a copy of the novel at Powell desk. Refreshments provided.

Read Local – Returning to the Source

Tuesday, July 1, 7pm, CEN

Join authors John Shaw, *This Land That I Love: Irving Berlin, Woody Guthrie and the Story of Two American Anthems*, and Emily Dietrich, *Holding True* as they return to their Kalamazoo roots and discuss their collective work.

Read Local – Write Local

Saturday, July 12, 3pm, CEN

A conversation between three southwest Michigan literary fiction writers who have been sharing work and the writing life for over a decade. Featuring authors Bonnie Jo Campbell, Lisa Lenzo, and Andrew Mozina. Bring your questions. You'll have a chance to win a free signed book from one of the authors! Book sale provided by The Michigan News Agency.

MOVIES

Movies Under the Stars

**Thursdays, Dusk,
Oshtemo Township Park
June 19, *Chimpanzee*
July 17, *His Girl Friday*
August 21, *Ghostbusters***

Join us for our third year of outdoor movies at Oshtemo Township Park! Bring a blanket or lawn chair, bug spray, and a flash light. Cosponsored by Oshtemo Friends of the Parks and Alamo Drafthouse Cinema. Weather permitting.

MUSIC

Schlitz Creek Bluegrass Band

Tues, July 1, 6:30 pm, WSQ

Schlitz Creek Bluegrass Band from the mountains of Kalamazoo, Michigan, features what they call "bluegrass with some bite!" The group performs a unique variety of bluegrass music that cannot be classified as strictly traditional or progressive. They feature a polished repertoire of standard bluegrass tunes, as well as a collection of refreshing and unusual choices for a bluegrass band. Performing material from such bluegrass legends as the Dillards and Bill Monroe, they also surprise and delight audiences with songs from the Monkees, Bob Seger, the Beatles, Kenny Rogers, the Bee Gees, and even Cheap Trick! Their high energy stage show has quickly transformed Schlitz Creek into a crowd favorite on the regional bluegrass festival circuit.

Don't miss the hot pickin' and down home humor of the Schlitz Creek Bluegrass Band!

SCHLITZ CREEK BLUEGRASS BAND



& MORE

Iced Tea

Tues, June 3, 6 pm, WSQ

Iced tea is the perfect way to enjoy the benefits of tea during warmer weather when a steaming hot cuppa just doesn't appeal to you. We'll explore several methods for making iced tea, as well as taste teas made in each way. Let's go beyond basic black iced tea to treat yourself and your guests in a healthful way.

R Beginning Yoga

Tues, June 10, 6 pm, EAS

Tues, August 12, 6 pm, OSH

Join us for a beginning yoga class led by Bailey Mead, Registered Yoga Teacher. This gentle class will provide an introduction to the basics of yoga, focusing on simple stretching poses using breath and awareness while building strength and flexibility. The class will end with quiet, guided relaxation. Bring a yoga mat or towel and dress comfortably. Registration required.

Salsa Making with Fiesta by Blanca

Tues, June 17, 6:30 pm, POW

Fiesta by Blanca owner Blanca Cardoza will share her unique Texas style sweet and hot fruity salsas. Cardoza will demonstrate one primary salsa that you can mix and match with different ingredients and heat to your liking!

Ask a Lawyer

Wed, July 9, 6 pm, CEN

Fri, July 11, 11:30 am, CEN

Tue, Aug 5, 6 pm, POW

Free legal clinics for persons of low-to-moderate income with Bar Association lawyers. Get help with most areas of civil law, including landlord-tenant problems, divorce, and family law. For a free 20-minute appointment, call: Central Library, 553-7920. You may make only one appointment per four months. Clinics do not include follow-up. Further consultation must be negotiated with an individual attorney.

Cheese 101 with the Cheese Lady

Mon, July 14, 6:30 pm, OSH

Cheese 101 will walk you through seven families of cheese, with a general overview as to what makes each cheese and style unique. Enjoy a sampling of some of the styles, along with a look into the cheese-making and aging process.

Summer Salads That Make a Meal

Tues, July 15, 6:30 pm, EAS

A satisfying salad for lunch or dinner? Sure! Turn salads into meals that are nutritious, delicious, and easy to make!

Cooking With Tea & Herbs

Tues, July 22, 6:30pm, OSH

You've added salt and pepper to your dish, now what? Herbs, spices and even teas are quick and easy ways to add flavor and interest to food. Join us as we explore herbs from the basic to the exotic, how to cook with tea, and taste some yummy samples.

Nordic Walking with Gazelle Sports

Tues, June 24, 6 pm, OSH

Tues, July 8, 6 pm, POW

Tues, August 19, 6 pm, WSQ

Nordic walking is a fun way to build cardiovascular fitness, engage your entire body, and reach the same intensity as running without high impact on your joints. Meet at the library to learn the proper walking technique and be fitted with Nordic walking poles. Then head out for a walk on Oshtemo Township Park walking trails (OSH), the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail (POW), or the Edison neighborhood (WSQ).

Don't forget to bring water and sunscreen! Poles will be provided for the first 20 participants; please bring your own Nordic walking poles if you have them.

Preserve the Past @The Hub



by Patrick Jouppi

*Marketing & Communications
Library Assistant*

There are few things more precious to us than our family memories. Protect and preserve those old slides, negatives, Polaroid photos and home movies by converting them to a digital format at KPL's new digital lab, The Hub.

The Hub provides the resources and technology for KPL patrons to complete an enormous variety of preservation and digitization projects. While truly offering something for everyone, The Hub will be of particular interest to those with an interest in genealogy and conservators of family history.

Visitors are able to easily digitize and edit family photos, slides, and negatives using high-speed Canon 9000F scanners and a variety of graphic design software. Those wishing to convert oral history interviews on cassettes to MP3 format have the ability to do so easily. Additionally, patrons can use The Hub to convert home movies on VHS to DVD format, saving storage space as well as preserving precious memories in a more stable medium. Furthermore, The Hub is equipped with professional post-production software which allows patrons to create and edit digital video. Don't let the technology daunt you! Friendly and knowledgeable KPL staff will be on hand to assist with projects and answer questions. We look forward to your visit!

Please visit **kpl.gov/hub** for additional information and to book a reservation.

R Registration required. Call location listed or register online at kpl.gov starting 30 days before event.

The Gardens at the Oshtemo Branch Library

by Jill Ongley
Library Assistant, OSH

If you're looking for some lovely gardens and wide open spaces, you may wish to visit the Oshtemo Branch Library. The Library is located on a ten-acre prairie garden, which includes native species such as purple lupines in late May, tall yellow compass plants and rattlesnake master flowers in the late summer. Mown paths wander through the property and connect to the Oshtemo Township Park.

A little closer to the Library is the Butterfly Garden, located on the west side of the building, with flowers selected to attract caterpillars and butterflies. This space has been designated as a Monarch WayStation by the Monarch Watch organization.

The view outside of the children's room during the summer months brings bright colors with the Rainbow Garden. Annuals representing the different colors of the rainbow line the sidewalk and library patrons often visit this area as their favorite spot to sit on the grass to read or visit. This year, instead of a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, there will be a fairy garden, with miniature plants, tiny paths and little homes for the fairies. Speaking of fairies, check out our Fairy Series programs on page 9!



2014 Summer Reading

IGNITE YOUR IMAGINATION!

June 2 – August 30, 2014

This year's Summer Reading Games are truly electrifying! Sign up beginning June 2 or at the June Jubilee party on Saturday, June 7 in Central's Rose/Lovell Street parking lot.

How To Play

It's simple! Read or listen to books for at least 20 minutes per day. Check off each day on your game board that you read 20 minutes. When you read 20 minutes a day for a total of 15 days, bring your gameboard to the library for a reward.

► **Note:** The 15 days do not need to be consecutive. You qualify for a reward as soon as the number of days you read equal 15.

This Year's Themes!

- Birth - 4th grade Full STEAM Ahead!
- Tween (Gr. 5-7) Spark a Reaction
- Teen (Gr. 8-12) DIY
- Adult Read Local

Bonus Prizes

Readers of all ages can win **bonus prizes** by completing tasks on their bonus list. These age-appropriate challenges make this year's **Summer Reading Games** the most fun yet!

Days	Birth – K*	Gr. 1-4	Gr. 5-7 & 8-12	Adult
15	Book	Book	Book	KPL Pen
30	Book	Book	Book	Read Local Window Cling
45	Book	Book	Book	KPL Canvas Bag
60	KPL T-Shirt or Onesie	KPL T-Shirt	KPL Flashdrive	KPL Flashdrive
Bonus	KPL Tote Bag	KPL Tote Bag	KPL Tote Bag	Raffle Prizes

*Kids ages 3 and under will receive a sticker and kids ages 3 and up will receive a bead for each visit to a KPL location, after signing up for Summer Reading Games, (one prize per day).

DEADLINE TO REDEEM PRIZES: Saturday, August 30 by 5 pm (NO EXCEPTIONS)



For more information about how to sign up for Summer Reading Games, please visit <http://www.kpl.gov/summer>.



All Summer Reading Games are sponsored by



Tween & Teen events

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Poetry @ KPL

Poetry with R.A.W.K., Gr 5-12

Wed, June 18, 5 pm,
CEN (Teen Area)

Bring your creative voice, in chorus with R.A.W.K., to a spoken word poetry workshop where we'll celebrate what makes us all unique individuals.



Meet Kevin Coval Tweens/Teens & Adults

Fri, June 20,
3-5 pm, CEN

Kevin Coval is the author of numerous poetry collections and chapbooks, including the American Library Association Book-of-the-Year finalist *Slingshots: A Hip-Hop Poetica* and most recently, *L-vis Lives! Racemusic Poems*. Coval's visit to KPL will include a poetry workshop and performance.

Coval is the founder of "Louder Than a Bomb: The Chicago Youth Poetry Festival," now one of the largest gatherings on the planet and the subject of an award-winning documentary. Coval currently serves as Artistic Director of Young Chicago Authors, the non-profit home of "Louder Than a Bomb," and numerous other youth writing and hip hop programs.

An Abundance of John Green, All Ages

Tues, June 3, 6:30 pm, CEN

Have a favorite John Green book? Take 2-3 minutes to tell us why on camera and we'll share it with John or Hank on Twitter! Win movie tickets to *The Fault in Our Stars* and other great prizes while enjoying an abundance of John Green fun!

Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.), Gr 6-12

Mondays, June 2, July 7
& August 4, 3:30 pm, CEN

Plan programs and service projects, discuss books, movies, music, and web sites, eat snacks, play games, and have fun!

Citizen CPR, Ages 10 & up

Wed, June 11, 4 pm, CEN

Brush up on your first aid and Citizen CPR (hands-only) practices. Learn essential knowledge for emergencies and everyday life. The American Red Cross will teach this introductory class (does not include certification).

Zumba for Teens, Ages 13 & up

Wednesdays, June 25, July 2,
9 & 16, 7:30 pm, CEN

Get your Zumba on! Taught by instructors from Amy Baker's ZuCrew. Bring a friend! Moms bring your teen! Free!

Flying Aces, All Ages

Thurs, June 26, 11:30 am, OSH

Athletic and informational fun with Frisbees! The Flying Aces will delight all with Frisbee history, technique and an audience participation contest.

Iron Chef Kalamazoo, Gr 5-12

Tues, July 1, 2 pm, POW

We provide the ingredients; you create the perfect looking sandwich. Work in teams, prizes awarded to enjoy!

Origami, Gr 5-12

Thurs, July 17, 2 pm, EAS
& Wed, July 30, 2 pm, POW

Local crafter Sara Baker will teach us basic origami. All materials provided.

Maker Monday, Gr 5-12

Mondays in July & August,
1-3 pm, CEN – TEEN AREA

Tinker, make, try, create and explore @ the library. Each week will feature different ideas and materials. Focus on the process (not the product) and learn that all of us are makers!

Tie Dye, Gr 5-12

Tues, July 8, 2 pm, OSH
Wed, July 9, 2 pm, POW
Thurs, July 10, 2 pm, EAS
Fri, July 11, 2 pm, WSQ

Shirts, bandanas, or socks. Choose a project and create! We supply the materials.



Nerdfighters Unite, All Ages

Thurs, July 10, 5 pm, CEN

Join author Becky De Oliveria from WMU and learn what John and Hank Green are doing to increase awesome. Explore global issues and make a difference!

4-H Animal Science Sparks, Ages 5 & up

Tues, July 15, 22 & 29, 2-4 pm, OSH

Learn about animals and the care and training it takes to raise a healthy, well-loved pet. 4-H youth, volunteers and staff will be there with animals, activities and hands on learning.

J-Pop Club, Gr 7-12

Mon, July 21 & August 18, 3:30 pm, CEN

Enjoy Japanese Anime, manga, Pocky and food. Drop in any time during the event!

Get a Job!, Teens & Adults

Wed, July 16, 23 &
Thur, July 31, 3 pm POW

Volunteers from Kalamazoo's Workforce Readiness team are here to help you prepare for employment. Topics will include employment applications and skill identification, resumes and job search, and preparing for interviews.

R Registration required. Call location listed or register online at kpl.gov starting 30 days before event.

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Going Medieval: Fun and Games, Gr 5-12

Wed, August 20, 4 pm, CEN

Medieval people enjoyed many kinds of physical activity, especially games! Many games that were popular historically are familiar to us today. Other, more unfamiliar games, can make for an exciting adventure into the past! With this session, tweens and teens can learn how to play different kinds of medieval games and learn their connections to medieval society. Brought to you by the WMU Medieval Institute.



Game Central, Gr 5-12

Thurs, July 24 & Sat,
August 16, 2 pm, CEN

From the newest favorites to old classics, it's an afternoon of strategy, skill and fun. Choose from one of our many board, card or video games, or bring one of your own!

Ghost Hunting, All Ages

Tues, August 5, 6:30 pm, WSQ

Interested in paranormal investigation? Learn some basic investigative techniques and review some evidence captured at several locations in Michigan. If you are curious about seeking the unknown, you won't want to miss this!

Michael Jackson: The Experience, Gr 5-12

Thurs, August 7, 2 pm, EAS

Play the Wii and win prizes. Dance like you've never danced before to your favorite Michael Jackson hits.

R Registration required. Call location listed or register online at kpl.gov starting 30 days before event.

3-D printing, All Ages

Mon, August 11, 6:30 pm, OSH

Learn how 3-D printers are revolutionizing the way we make everything from toys to medical devices. Kevin Wixson will demonstrate digital printing and painting.

J-Pop Culture Day @ Eastwood, Gr 5-12

Tues, August 12, 2 pm, EAS

Michiko Yoshimoto from WMU's Soga Japan Center will explore Japanese culture. Sample everything from food to manga.

Jeopardy, Gr 5-12

Tues, August 19, 2 pm, POW

Test your knowledge while working in teams, by answering: "What is..." questions in various fun categories. Prizes.

Snacks with People's Food Co-op, Gr 5-12

Tues, August 19, 6:30 pm, CEN

End summer with sampling smoothies and snacks! Join chefs from PFC and explore healthy snacks. Cooking demos and taste testing for teens.

Kinetic Affect

All Ages

Wed, July 23, 7 pm, CEN



Back for the second year - local spoken word artists: Kinetic Affect! The Kinetic Affect combines the past experiences and powerful voices of two men from different walks of life. Gabriel Giron and Kirk Latimer join their voices to create an entirely new spoken word poetry experience. The duo is committed to challenging beliefs, pushing boundaries, embracing differences, and - together - they seek to increase awareness of local and global issues.

**The Kinetic Affect reminds us all that life is
not a race against anyone but yourself.**

events Kids

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Little Scientists

R Little Scientists: Building, Ages 3-6

Mon, June 2, 10:30 am, CEN

Explore strength and materials through stories and hands on activities. Registration required.

R Little Scientists: Water, Ages 3-6

Mon, July 14, 10:30 am, OSH

Examine water through stories and hands on activities. Registration required. **Wear clothes you don't mind getting wet or messy (and maybe an extra change of clothes too!) Weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, this program will be cancelled.*

R Little Scientists: Electricity, Ages 3-6

Mon, August 11, 10:30 am, CEN

Experience electricity together through stories and hands on activities. Registration required.



R Registration required. Call location listed or register online starting 30 days before event.

T Space limited; ticket required. Pick up FREE ticket at host location starting one week before event; one ticket per person. Call location with any questions.

Toddler Talk, Ages 1-3

Wed, June 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:15 am, OSH
Wed, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:15 am, OSH
Wed, Aug 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:15 am, OSH

Toddlers play while adults share the joys and challenges of parenting 1-3 year olds with a parent educator/facilitator.

Baby Talk, Age 1 year

Wed, June 4, 11, 18, 25, 1:30 pm, OSH
Wed, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 1:30 pm, OSH
Wed, Aug 6, 13, 20, 27, 1:30 pm, OSH

Talk about care of babies up to one year with other parents. Connie Koning, RN, facilitator.

LEGO at the Library, All Ages

Saturdays, June 7, July 5, and August 2, 10:30 am, OSH
Tuesdays, June 10, July 8, and August 12, 6:30 pm, WSQ
Saturdays, June 21, July 19, and August 16, 10:30 am, CEN
Mon, July 28, 4 pm, POW
Thurs, Thurs, July 24, 4 pm, EAS, and August 7, 2 - 4 pm, WSQ

Build, create, and imagine with other Lego fans. Bricks provided, from Duplo to expert builder.

First Saturday

Sat, June 7, 2 - 4 pm, CEN
Sat, August 2, 2 - 4 pm, CEN

Take your family to the library the first Saturday of every month! In June we'll kick off Summer Reading Games with a big party in the library parking lot. In August, we'll have flower and garden activities as part of Kalamazoo in Bloom's weekend festivities. **First Saturday will not be offered on Saturday, July 5.*

End of School Party with Farmer Jason, Family

**Thurs, June 12, 5 pm,
Oshtemo Township Park**

Celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning of summer at the Oshtemo Township Park. Fun activities for kids begin at 5 pm and concert with Farmer Jason begins at 6:30 pm. Bring blankets and chairs to sit on if you'd like! If rain occurs, this program will be held inside the Oshtemo Branch Library.

R Kids Poetry Workshop, Gr 3-5 4 sessions & an Open Mic night!

**Tuesdays & Wednesdays,
June 17, 18, 24 & 25, 4:30 pm, CEN**
**Open Mic night on Tues, July 1,
6:30 pm, CEN**

Express yourselves with poetry. Develop your creative writing potential in a supportive and fun environment. A poetry workshop hosted by published poet and K College English major, Kate Belew. Please be sure you can attend at least 3 of the workshop sessions and the Open Mic night before registering. Invite friends and family to Open Mic night to listen to the poetry you've created! Registration required.

R Miss Lisa: Stories and Dance, Ages 3-8

Thurs, June 19, 10:30 am, EAS
Fri, June 20, 10:30 am, WSQ
Sat, June 21, 10:30 am, CEN
Mon, June 23, 10:30 am, OSH
Wed, July 23, 10:30 am, POW

Movement and stories for preschoolers! Wear comfortable clothing. Registration required.

Don't Miss Movies Under the Stars! Family

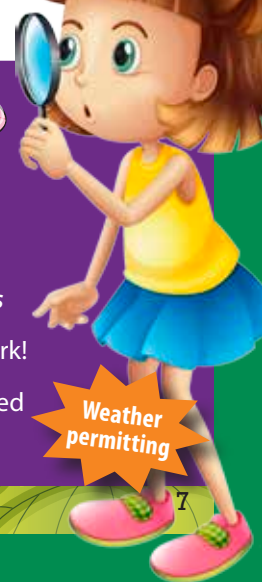
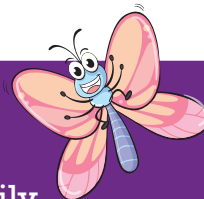
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Theater Thursdays

R Theater Thursdays with Fancy Pants Theater

Two special programs designed to bite your children...with the Acting Bug!

For Preschoolers:

Thursdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and August 7, 14, 9:30-10:15 am, CEN

We will explore the very basic element of theater – pretend play. Using a combination of songs, stories, and games, we will be stirring up those budding imaginations, tuning our social skills, and most importantly...playing. For ages 3-6 with caregiver. Registration required.

For Grades 1-5

Thursdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and August 7, 14, 9:30-10:15 am, CEN

We'll focus on play, using songs, stories, and games, while adding elements of script writing and producing. Each session will end with a short performance based on our weekly book selections. For kids in grades 1-5. Caregivers welcome! Registration required.

T Wildlife Safari, Family

Thurs, June 19, 2 pm, EAS

A Wildlife Safari at the library! Get close to live, wild animals in this exciting program! Ticket required

Tales on the Trail, All Ages

Fridays, June 20, July 18, August 8, 10:30 am, POW

Take a walk along the Kal-Haven Trail and listen to stories along the way.

T Bubbleman, Family

Mon, June 23, 2 pm, POW

Ron Loyd, the Bubbleman, returns to delight and amaze us with bubble tricks and demonstrations! Space limited. Ticket required.

Soil Science for Kids, Ages 6-11

Thurs, June 24, 2 pm, EAS

Get down and dirty with some fun in the dirt. Learn about composting and eat a "compost cake with worms". Delicious!

T Binder Park Zoomobile, Family

Wed, June 25, 1 & 2 pm, OSH

Mon, July 21, 1:30 and 2:30 pm, EAS
See animals up close and personal with our friends from Binder Park Zoo! Space limited. Ticket required.



Bookworms: Summer Break Edition, Family

Thurs, June 26, 4:30 pm, CEN

Thurs, July 24, 4:30 pm, CEN

Thurs, August 28, 4:30 pm, CEN

A book club for kids and their grownups. In June, we'll have refreshments and talk about our favorite books this year and what we are looking forward to reading this summer! In July, we'll read *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein and look forward to putting on our own Lemoncello Extravaganza in August!

Vehicle Days, Family

Thurs, June 26, 11 am – 1 pm, WSQ

Thurs, August 7, 11 am – 1 pm, OSH

Visit with some BIG vehicles for an outside program! Bring your camera! This program will be held rain or shine.

T Cirque Amongus, Family

Mon, June 30, 2 pm, POW

An exciting show featuring circus performers, acrobatics and fun for everyone! Ticket required

Fresh Food Fairy, Family

Wed, July 2, 10:30 am, CEN

Sat, July 12, 10:30 am, OSH

Wed, July 30, 10:30 am, POW

Meet Hether Frayer, the Fresh Food Fairy at a special storytime celebrating healthy foods. Enjoy a smoothie made with her bike blender!

R Read with Bailey

Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & August 6, 3:30-5, CEN

Enjoy a "pawsitive" reading experience. Read to Bailey, the loveable Schnoodle dog. Registration required.

Maker Monday, Gr 1-5

Mondays in July & August, 1-3 pm, CEN, Children's Room

Drop in, tinker, make, try, create and explore @ the library. Each week will feature different ideas and materials. Focus on the process (not the product) and learn that all of us are makers!

Tinker Tots, Ages 2-5

**Mondays in July & August,
10:30-11:30 am, CEN**

Drop in and explore materials, tools, and techniques! A different process-oriented experience each week. Wear your messy clothes! For preschoolers and a caregiver.

Movie & Snacks:

Lego Movie, Family

Wed, July 9, 2 pm, CEN

An ordinary Lego construction worker, thought to be the prophesied 'Special', is recruited to join a quest to stop an evil tyrant from gluing the Lego universe into eternal stasis. MPAA Rating PG.

R Snapshot-o-rama, Ages 10-12

Thurs, July 10, 2 pm, OSH

Learn to use your point and shoot camera or smart phone. Once you learn a few basics, we will head outside and shoot some nature. Registration required.

Where's Waldo? Visits Storytime

Fri, July 11, 10:30 am, CEN

Meet Where's Waldo at storytime and search for paper Waldos in the library! Then during the month of July, hunt for Waldo in all of our KPL locations and at other locations in Kalamazoo. This program is a part of a hunt for Waldo led by Bookbug. For more information about looking for Waldo in July, visit Bookbug or one of our KPL locations.

Ferret Fun!, Family

Mon, July 14, 2 pm, POW

Meet Dee Gage and her furry ferret friends! Learn about ferrets and how to keep them as pets. A fun and informative program for the whole family!



R Registration required. Call location listed or register online starting 30 days before event.

T Space limited; ticket required. Pick up FREE ticket at host location starting one week before event; one ticket per person. Call location with any questions.

R Cool Cooking for Kids, Ages 6-11

Tues, July 15, 2 pm, WSQ

Stir up some excitement by making scrumptious snacks that require no oven or hot plate. Registration required.

R 4H Animal Science

Sparks, Ages 5 & up

Tuesdays at 2 pm, OSH

July 15 – Dogs

July 22 – Birds

July 29 – Small Animals

Come spend an afternoon learning about different animals and the care and training it takes to raise a healthy, well-loved pet. 4-H youth, volunteers and staff will be there with animals and educational activities for youth to participate in hands on learning opportunities. Registration required.

R Marble Run Mania, Ages 6-11

Wed, July 16, 2 pm, CEN

Put your STEAM building skills to the test by building your own marble run! Registration required.

Pony Love

Thurs, July 17, 11 am, WSQ

Mon, August 4, 2 pm, POW

Meet Gloria Winslow from Paradise Ridge Ranch and her pony friend, Bud. Learn about the care and grooming of a pet pony and hear a story about Bud. *Weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, this program will be cancelled.*

Around the World in 60 Minutes, Ages 6-11

Tues, July 22, 2 pm, EAS & 4 pm, WSQ

We'll use hands-on activities using large maps of the world, the U.S., and Michigan to travel to places near and far, with local geography experts, Carol and Phil. Kids will take home maps of their own!



Fairy Series

R Fairy or Hobbit House Building Workshop,

Ages 6-11 with adult

Mon, June 9, 6 pm, OSH

Help us build some fairy and hobbit houses for the Oshtemo Library with Fat Blossom Farm from Allegan, MI. The houses will stay at the library or at the farm to play with at your next visit. Materials will be provided, but please feel free to help gather pine cones, acorns, bark pieces, and other elements for embellishing if you wish. Registration required. Participants will also receive tickets to visit Fat Blossom Farm's Enchanted Summer Festival on June 21-22 and 28-29.

R Fairy Garden Workshop, Ages 6-11 with adult

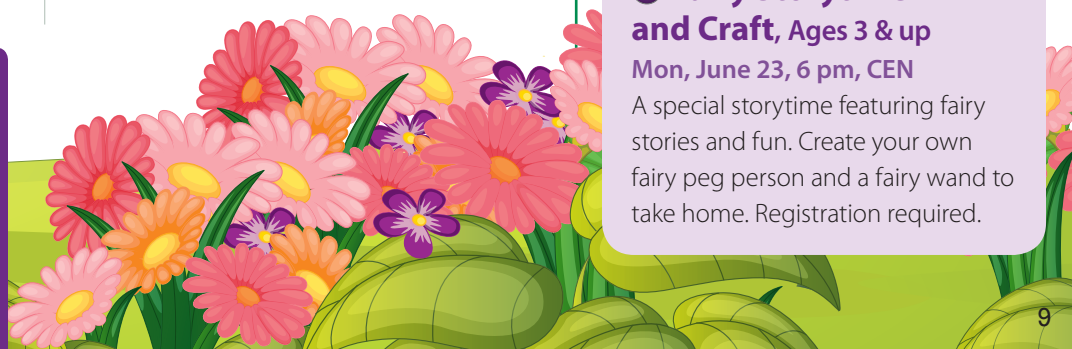
Mon, June 16, 4:30 pm, OSH

Help us build a fairy garden at the Oshtemo Library. Then take home a planting to get you started on your own fairy garden. Use your creativity to decorate and add features to it. Materials provided. Registration required.

R Fairy Storytime and Craft, Ages 3 & up

Mon, June 23, 6 pm, CEN

A special storytime featuring fairy stories and fun. Create your own fairy peg person and a fairy wand to take home. Registration required.



events Kids

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(more kids events on pgs 7-9)

Going Medieval

Going Medieval: Fun and Games, Gr 1-4

Wed, August 20, 2 pm, CEN

Medieval people enjoyed many kinds of physical activity, especially games! Many games that were popular historically are familiar to us today. Other, more unfamiliar games, can make for an exciting adventure into the past! With this session, children can learn how to play different kinds of medieval games and learn their connections to medieval society. Brought to you by the WMU Medieval Institute.

Going Medieval: Monster Books of Monsters, Gr 1-4

Wed, August 27, 2 pm, CEN

Beasties and bestiaries! How did medieval people learn about plants, animals and minerals? From a Bestiary, of course! This session will introduce young people to the fantastical creatures and plants of books called bestiaries, and discuss the symbolism and sources of the critters inside. After a short presentation, participants will create, with other children and on their own, amazing creatures of their own. Brought to you by the WMU Medieval Institute.

A Butterfly Experience, Family Thurs, July 24, 11 am, POW

Come and join Judi Rambow and Kyle Lewis from the Kalamazoo Valley River Trails for a butterfly experience. We'll read butterfly stories, share some butterfly facts and have a butterfly release. We'll see you on the trails beside the Powell Library!

T Storyteller Chris Fascione, Family

Fri, July 25, 3 pm, OSH

Nationally known story performer Chris Fascione brings classic literature to life with storytelling, mime, juggling, and comedy. Don't miss this crazy fun program! Space limited. Ticket required.

T Rockin' Rovers, Family

Tues, July 29, 6:30 pm, POW

Dancing dogs performing a freestyle routine! Space limited. Ticket required.

R Beach Party, Ages 6-11

Thurs, July 29, 2 pm, EAS

Wednesday, August 6, 2 pm, WSQ

Surf's up! It's the perfect time to celebrate summer by heading to the beach through stories, games, music, and snacks all relating to the cool beach and hot sand! Registration required.

T Bats in the Library, Family

Thurs, July 31, 11 am & 12 pm, WSQ

Meet live bats, including a vampire bat! Learn how bats use sound waves to navigate, their role in the food chain, and how we can protect their ecosystem. Space limited. Ticket required.

T Avian Wonders, Family

Tues, August 5, 2 pm, EAS

Denise Heath's colorful parrots and fine feathered friends will entertain, educate, and amaze. Meet Leo, Ruby and other members of her avian gang. Space limited. Ticket required.

T Joel Tacey's ScienceRiffic Comedy Show, Family

Mon, August 11, 3 pm, OSH

Discover a secret lab and help Joel find his missing sidekick, Maze the Mouse as Joel brings eight great books to life! Comedy, audience participation, science and fun for the whole family! Space limited. Ticket required.

Lightning, Thunder, and Rain....Oh My, Ages 6-11

Wed, August 13, 2 pm, POW

Take the myth and mystery out of weather with some science and safety fun. Eat a scrumptious "thunder" cake!



KPL'S 3RD ANNUAL Lego Building Contest All Ages

Enter your original Lego creations in the KPL Lego Building Contest. Be creative, have fun and win great prizes! The whole family can enter the contest! Age brackets are: 0-5 years, 6-8 years, 9-11 years, 11-14 years, 15-18 years, and 18+. Entries accepted August 8-9 at any location. Creations will be on display August 11-15 for public voting. Winners will be announced on Monday, August 18. Official contest rules are available at www.kpl.gov/lego/.

KIDS – if you need to borrow some of the library's Legos to enter in the contest, please attend a Lego program in the weeks leading up to the contest!

Stroller Walk, Family

Mon, August 18, 10:30 am, OSH

Meet at the library and stroll around the park. Come back to the library for stories and a treat. *Weather permitting.*

All Creatures Small and Smaller, Family

Tues, August 19, 6:30 pm, EAS

Meet veterinary doctors Dame and Updike who will discuss why and how they became vets as well as showcase some of their more exotic pets, who will make a live appearance.

Fizz, Boom, Spark! Chemistry in Nature, Ages 6-11

Thurs, August 21, 2 pm, CEN,

Naturalist Laurel Zoet will present hands on activities and live animal demonstrations. Learn how to fizz and foam like different insects. Watch how animals use chemical sprays to escape danger. See how butterflies use bioluminescence to communicate!

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library, Ages 6-11

Thurs, August 28, 4:30 pm, CEN

When author Chris Grabenstein wrote his delightful book about escaping from Mr. Lemoncello's library, he created a game to play in libraries around the world! We'll play that game and see if we can escape from KPL! We'll also enjoy some refreshments and other activities together.

T Zeus: the World's Tallest Dog

Thurs, August 28, 10:30 am, EAS

Puppy-themed fun with stories, activities, and visit from Zeus, the tallest dog in the world according to the *2013 Guinness Book of World Records*. Space limited. Ticket required.

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storytimes

Adult caregiver must accompany babies and toddlers.

Siblings may attend as guests.

Preschool Storytime, Ages 3-5

**Tuesdays, 10:30 am, CEN,
June 3, 10, 17, 24**

Stories, songs, and activities for preschoolers and their caregivers.

Toddler Storytime, Ages 2-3

**Tuesdays, 10:30 am, CEN
July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

Songs, movement, and stories for toddlers.

Baby Lapsit, Birth-Walkers

**Tuesdays, 9:30 am, CEN,
August 5, 12, 19, 26**

Songs, bounces, and rhymes for babies and their caregivers. Siblings welcome.

Baby Steps, Walkers-24 months

**Tuesdays, 10:30 am, CEN,
August 5, 12, 19, 26**

Rhymes, songs, and books, for little ones and their caregivers. Siblings welcome.

Musical Storytime, All Ages

**Mondays, June 30 & July 21,
6:30 pm, CEN**

Favorite songs, stories, and special guests with Mr. Bill.

¡Hora del cuento bilingüe para la familia!, 0-5 años de edad

**Martes, 17 de junio, 6:30 de la tarde, a la Washington Square
(Tuesday, June 17, 6:30 pm, WSQ)**

¡Acompáñenos para una hora del cuento bilingüe para la familia!

¡Cuentos, canciones y actividades para niños en español! Para toda la familia.

Family Storytime, Birth-5

Stories and activities

**Wednesdays, 10:30 am, POW
June 4, 11, 18, 25
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
August 6, 13, 20, 27**

**Thursdays, 10:30 am, EAS & OSH
June 5, 12, 19, 26
July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
August 7, 14, 21, 28**

**Fridays, 10:30 am, CEN & WSQ
June 6, 13, 20, 27
July 11, 18, 25
August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**





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Director's Note



After such a long, hard winter, summer is certainly a welcome sight! Our staff has been hard at work gearing up

for another successful Summer Reading Games, which will launch at June Jubilee on Saturday, June 7.

You likely have heard the term, "summer slide." A recent survey from the National Summer Learning Association (NSLA) confirms what librarians and educators have known for years – kids lose an average of 25% of their reading skills over the summer, in addition to significant losses in math and other areas. As a result, teachers spend three to six weeks at the beginning of each year, re-teaching the previous year's material. US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan described this loss as "devastating," with the average student losing up to one month of reading skills and disadvantaged students being impacted even more.

Many local organizations, including KPL, are offering high quality programs to deter summer slide, by taking advantage of summer breaks and providing children

fun and engaging opportunities to maintain their reading skills. The goal of Summer Reading Games is to get children excited about reading and return to school in the fall ready to learn.

In addition to Summer Reading Games, KPL is offering plenty of exciting programs and events all designed to help make learning fun. We have been diligently spreading the word. All first graders attending KPS visited the library, received their library cards and learned about Summer Reading Games. We have also distributed promotional materials and visited schools to share with them everything KPL has to offer to help make summer fun. More information about our summer programming is available in this issue of LINK, and on our website.

KPS superintendent Dr. Michael Rice set an ambitious goal for our community – to make Kalamazoo the first, fully-literate urban community in the country. To make that happen, all of us need to be involved in our children's education. Children learn from our example. Let them see you reading, and read to them.

Enjoy your summer, and keep reading!

Ann Rohrbaugh

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Bag-of-Books Sale

The Bag-of-Books Sale is the best deal in town for book lovers. Great selection at an amazing price! You can fill a grocery-size bag full of books and pay only \$2.00! This annual sale is our biggest sale of the year. It takes place the first Saturday in June during the June Jubilee weekend. Here's the important information:

When: Saturday, June 7
9 am – 3:30 pm

Where: Central Library
315 S. Rose Street
(under the portico)

What: All books 10¢ each or
\$2.00 per bag

Please feel free to bring your own reusable grocery-bag size tote.

You will find: fiction & mystery, romance, science fiction, assorted nonfiction, children's books, audio books, movies, music, and more. There will be more than 10,000 books!

Call 553-7820 with questions.



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